



**Date:** July 24, 2017

**To:** City of Avondale Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC)

**From:** Christopher Lopez, Youth Development Coordinator, Neighborhood and Family  
Services 623-333-2719

**Subject:** Meeting Notes – July 24, 2017

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The AYAC regular meeting was held on July 24, 2017

The following members were in attendance:

Simone Foster

Elizabeth De La Cruz

Michelle Dirzo

Erica Pacheco

Juan Dirzo

Ellaine Villa 

Edrick Vazquez

Santiago Chavez

The following staff members were in attendance:

Chris Lopez

The following guest(s) attended the meeting:

Lorenzo Castillo

Karina Herrera

Keisha Cyriaano

Yvette Black

The following topics were discussed:

### **Welcome Guests**

### **Approval of Minutes and Attendance – Approved**

**Revitalization Strategy Discussion** – Keisha Cyriaano, Neighborhood Revitalization Manager and Yvette Black, Neighborhood Specialist conducted a focus group discussion to gather youth input regarding the needs within the Historic Avondale, Cashion, Las Ligas and Rio Vista areas. The teens were actively engaged in the discussion and provided valuable information.

**League of AZ Cities & Towns Conference** – Staff provided updates for the Youth Commission Members that will be attending the League of Arizona Cities & Towns Conference scheduled for Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Oro Valley, AZ. The following members will be representing the City of Avondale at the event: Simone Foster, Narmeen Ghazawheh, Michelle Dirzo, Elizabeth De La Cruz, and Ricardo Gomez. Simone Foster has volunteered to carry the City of Avondale flag during the Parade of Flags. Those teens attending will work to create a presentation board regarding AYAC projects.

**Fundraising Events-** Members discussed opportunities to fundraise at local restaurants and have agreed to have a second fundraiser at Chipotle on September 8th. Narmeen volunteered to contact the restaurant. Edrick Volunteered to reach out to Dutch Brothers to inquire about fundraising opportunities. AYAC member also discussed having a fundraiser at Chipotle on September 8, 2017 from 5:00 – 9:00PM.

**New Member Recruitment-** Tabled

**New Business** – Representatives from Touchstone Behavioral Health provided AYAC member with information regarding upcoming substance abuse prevention workshops being held. Lorenzo Castillo and Karina Herrera requested an opportunity to be included on a future agenda to discuss partnership opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04PM

Approved:



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AYAC Chair or Designated Representative



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**Date:** September 27, 2017

**To:** City of Avondale Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC)

**From:** Donna Gardner, Community Engagement Coordinator, Neighborhood and Family  
Services 623-333-2723

**Subject:** Meeting Notes – August 14, 2017

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The AYAC regular meeting was held on August 14, 2017

The following members were in attendance:

Narmeen Ghazawheh

Simone Foster

Elizabeth De La Cruz

Juan Divzo

Monica Luna

Michelle Dirzo

Erica Pacheco

Iris Palomino

Chris Gomez

Ricky Gomez

Litzy Hernandez

Ellaine Villano

Edrick Vazquez

Adriana Gillespie

The following staff members were in attendance:

Chris Lopez

Donna Gardner

The following guest(s) attended the meeting:

N/A

The following topics were discussed:

**Welcome Guests**

**Approval of Minutes and Attendance – Approved**

**Parks, Recreation & Libraries Events/Fundraisers** – Lori Butler from Parks, Recreation & Libraries spoke to the Youth Advisory Commission about volunteering at movie night in the park and using it as a possible fundraiser opportunity.

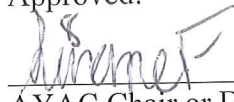
**League of AZ Cities and Towns Conference** – Staff provided an update on conference logistics.

**Fundraising Events-** Members will be participating in the City of Avondale's Movie Nights which will occur on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Business** – Selfie day at City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

Approved:



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**Date:** September 27, 2017

**To:** City of Avondale Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC)

**From:** Donna Gardner, Community Engagement Coordinator, Neighborhood and Family Services 623-333-2723

**Subject:** Meeting Notes – September 25, 2017

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The AYAC regular meeting was held on September 25, 2017

The following members were in attendance:

Narmeen Ghazawheh

Simone Foster

Ulysses Allamirano

Juan Dirzo

Santiago Sanchez ~~Sanchez~~ CHAVEZ

Ricardo Gomez

Michelle Dirzo

Erica Pacheco

Iris Palomino

Litzy Hernandez

Edrick Vazquez

Adriana Gillespie

The following staff members were in attendance:

Chris Lopez

Donna Gardner

The following guest(s) attended the meeting:

Gloria Baca

Stacy Lafortune

The following topics were discussed:

**Welcome Guests**

**Approval of Minutes and Attendance** – No minutes to approve

**Movie Night-** Members were informed \$129.00 will be deposited into their fundraiser account. \$103.00 were raised. \$26.00 was in the cash box originally to get started, to use as change.

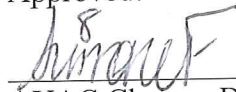
**Hurricane Relief Project** – Staff presented donation options to members. Members decided to table discussion until the next meeting. Simone will research donation options and present at the meeting on October 9, 2017.

**Avondale Billy Moore Days-** Members voted to volunteer October 28, 2017 to assist with residents complete a special event survey.

**Kids at Hope Time Traveler Summit-** Kenna Hough, Executive Director of Training and Programs asked member about their future dreams and goals. She spoke to them specifically about the Four Destinations, Community & Service, Education & Career, Home & Family Hobbies & Recreation. The information gathered will be used on a trader's card for the summit. Members were informed about the schedule for the day of the event and what they will be assisting with. Time Traveler Summit t-shirt sizes and colors were determined.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Approved:



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